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AQUEOUS-BASED OIL WELL DRILLING FLUIDS  
CONTAINING HIGH AMYLOSE STARCH POLYMERS  
Our File No.: 051344-5032

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